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**REFERRAL OF ETHANOL PRODUCTION INCENTIVE
LEGISLATION SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

BISMARCK, ND – According to Secretary of State Al Jaeger, a proposed petition to refer Senate Bill 2222 has been submitted to the Secretary of State's office for review and approval to circulate. Senate Bill No. 2222 relates to ethanol production incentives.

Norman Cooper of Williston and Ralph Muecke of Gladstone are listed as the referral's co-chairmen. Attached is a copy of the proposed petition that includes a listing of the other sponsoring committee members.

The Secretary of State and Attorney General have five to seven business days, or until May 27, to review the proposed referral and approve it for circulation.

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